

Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC)

Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)

Virginia Emergency Response Team (VERT)

HURRICANES GUSTAV and IKE

SITUATION REPORT # 7

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New information in bold italic font

SUMMARY

Recovery and rescue operations are underway along the Texas and Louisiana Coasts after Hurricane Ike made landfall early Saturday morning 13 September near Galveston Texas. Ike left a path of destruction as it continued on its Northerly rampage through Texas and Louisiana causing widespread damage and power outages. Recovery efforts also continue in Louisiana and the Gulf Coast Region after Hurricane Gustav made landfall on 1 September near Houma, Louisiana. Virginia continues to support this effort by deployment of State and local resources through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) and is poised to respond to additional requests from States that have been impacted by Hurricane Ike.

EXECUTIVE ACTION

EOC Activation

The Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC) is at Routine Operations and continues to monitor and respond to EMAC requests from States impacted by Hurricane Gustav and those that were impacted by Hurricane Ike.

Protective Actions

Governor Kaine activated the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) on Friday, 29 August, directing State agencies and organizations to identify resources that they could deploy to help Gulf Coast states prepare and respond to impacts from Hurricane Gustav. Governor Timothy M. Kaine gave verbal authorization on 10 September to amend Executive Order 75 to include EMAC response for Hurricane Ike. [Executive Order # 75](#)

WEATHER

Forecast

Monday, 15 September: *Partly sunny; high temps near 87; Northwest winds 5 to 8 MPH. Monday night: Mostly cloudy; low's near 60; winds light and variable. Tuesday, 16 September: Mostly cloudy with a 20% chance of rain; high temps mid 70's; winds light and variable. Tuesday night: Mostly cloudy; low's 55 to 60; winds light and variable.*

OPERATIONS SECTION

ESF 5 – Emergency Management

VA Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)

Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC) continues to support EMAC Missions that deployed from State Agencies and Local Jurisdictions to the Gulf Coast Region to support recovery efforts. ***The VEOC continues to broadcast EMAC requests received from States impacted by Hurricanes Gustav and Ike. VDEM issued Limited Exemption of Hours Worked for transportation of fuel on 12 September. Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (VDEQ) request to the US EPA for reformulated gasoline requirements was approved effective 12 September through 26 September. Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy had no reports of widespread fuel supply outages or lines at service stations on 13 September. DMME and VDEQ have received requests to waiver lower vapor pressure gasoline. This request is now under review. DMME reports that both petroleum pipelines serving the Commonwealth are now operational but under partial volume.***

LOGISTICS SECTION

- ESF 1 – Transportation** Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)
Virginia Department of Transportation, Salem, provided fuel on 31 August to New Jersey State Police Swift Water Rescue Team en-route to Louisiana. **VDOT and DMV issued Waiver of Weight restrictions for transportation of fuel on 12 September.**
- ESF 4 – Firefighting** Virginia Department of Forestry (VDOF)
A 15 person Type II Incident Management Team from the (VDOF) deployed on 15 September to support the Texas Forest Service.
- ESF 7 – Resource Support** VA Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)
The Logistics Section and VDEM Emergency Management Assistance Compact Coordinator continue to monitor EMAC requests coming from the Gulf States. Statewide Mutual Aide broadcasts are being sent out to local jurisdictions and State agencies reference these requests. The 15 person Fairfax County and 9 person Roanoke City Incident Management Teams (IMT) that combined resources on 5 September and were staged in the City of New Orleans demobilized on 10 September and are enroute to their respective home bases in Virginia. **1 EMAC A Team member from Fairfax County and 1 member from the City of Alexandria will deploy to the National Coordination Center at FEMA HQ on 17 September to support National EMAC operations.**
- ESF 9 – Search and Rescue** VA Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)
At the direction of FEMA, Virginia Task Force 1 (USAR), Fairfax, VA, deployed to Atlanta, Georgia and Virginia Task Force 2 (USAR), VA Beach, deployed to Houston, Texas to support response operations in the Gulf Coast Region. The Virginia Beach USAR Team returned to the State on 5 September and the Fairfax Team was redeployed on 5 September to Jacksonville, Florida for response to Hurricane Ike. **The Fairfax USAR Task Force I Team demobilized on 10 September and has returned to Virginia and were redeployed on 11 September to Cameron Parish, LA to assist with Search and Rescue Missions. Virginia Task Force II Team out of Virginia Beach was redeployed to Galveston, Texas to assist in SAR missions and is scheduled to demobilize on 17 September and return home.**
- ESF 13 – Public Safety and Security** VA Department of Game & Inland Fisheries (DGIF)
A 30 person Department of Game and Inland Fishery (DGIF) Task Force that deployed on 31 August to Baton Rouge, Louisiana to support Search and Rescue returned to the Commonwealth on 5 September. **A 21 person DGIF Task Force redeployed to Jennings, LA on 12 September to support the LA Department of Wildlife and Fishers in rescue operations. Shenandoah County Sheriff's Office has sent 2 personnel and vehicles and the Prince William Police Department has sent 10 personnel and vehicles to Livingston Parish, LA on 12 September for a 14 day assignment to support law enforcement missions.**
- ESF 16 – Military Affairs** Virginia Army National Guard (VANG)
A 9 person VANG Planning Unit deployed on 1 September to Camp Beauregard to support planning operations and a 4 person VANG Planning Unit deployed to the National Guard Bureau in Washington DC to support Planning Operations and to coordinate the Nationwide Response effort. **The 9 person VANG Planning Unit deployed to Camp Beauregard demobilized and returned to Virginia on 14 September and the 4 person VANG Planning Unit deployed to the National Guard Bureau will demobilize and return home on 16 September.**

PLANNING SECTION

- ESF 5 – Situation Unit:** Preparing Situation Reports; monitoring WebEOC entries; maintaining situational awareness.

Next Situation Report will be issued 18 September around 1500 hours.

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